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1. EMBASSY CONCURS IN PRINCIPLE WITH VISIT FROM AID REPS
TO DISCUSS FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING NEW AGENCY IN
TRINIDAD, AND WE BELIEVE GOTT WOULD BE ENTHUSED AT PROSPECT
OF IMPROVING ACCESS TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION
RETRIEVAL SYSTEM.

2. WE BELIEVE APPROPRIATE NATIONAL AGENT WOULD BE
SOON-TO-BE CREATED NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SCIENCE,
TECHNOLOGY, AND HIGHER EDUCATION. WE ASSUME ANY AGREEMENT
TO ESTABLISH AN AGENCY HERE WOULD HAVE TO COME UNDER THE
UMBRELLA OF REIMBURSABLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, SINCE THERE
IS NO AID PROGRAM AS SUCH IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. ORTIZ
MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH NICHOLAS HOLLIS (RDP) TO DETERMINE
FEASIBILITY OF INCLUDING IT IN PROGRAM WHICH HE IS
DEVELOPING FOR THIS COUNTRY.

3. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO ESTABLISH UWI AS AGENT, WHICH
COULD BE HANDLED IN CONTEXT OF REGIONAL AID PROGRAMS.
HOWEVER, NEEDS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO IN TECHNOLOGY FIELD
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ARE QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE
CARIBBEAN, AS THE BACKBONE OF GOTT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IS
HIGH TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY BASED ON PETROLEUM AND GAS RESOURCES.

4. WE WILL NEED TO REQUEST OFFICIAL SANCTION FOR PROPOSED
VISIT IF AID WISHES TO WORK WITH GOTT ON THIS PROJECT, AND
WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED HOW AID PLANS TO

APPROACH THIS QUESTION.

5. WE STRONGLY URGE VISIT NOT TAKE PLACE BEFORE FEBRUARY
13, TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH CARNIVAL CELEBRATIONS.
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